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exist. Moreover, a waiver of the requirement for termination is permitted only if the 8(a) firm's request for waiver is made to the SBA prior to the actual relinquishment of ownership or control, except in the case of death or incapacity where the waiver must be submitted within 60 days after such an occurrence. The clauses in the contract entitled "Special 8(a) Contract Conditions" and "Special 8(a) Subcontract Conditions" require the SBA and the 8(a) subcontractor to notify the contracting officer when ownership of the firm is being transferred. When the contracting officer receives information that an 8(a) contractor is planning to transfer ownership or control to another firm, the contracting officer must take action immediately to preserve the option of waiving the termination requirement. The contracting officer should determine the timing of the proposed transfer and its effect on contract performance and mission support. If the contracting officer determines that the SBA does not intend to waive the termination requirement, and termination of the contract would severely impair attainment of the agency's program objectives or mission, the contracting officer should immediately notify the SBA in writing that the agency is requesting a waiver. Within 15 business days thereafter, or such longer period as agreed to by the agency and the SBA, the agency head must either confirm or withdraw the request for waiver. Unless a waiver is approved by the SBA, the contracting officer must terminate the contract for convenience upon receipt of a written request by the SBA. This requirement for a convenience termination does not affect the Government's right to terminate for default if the cause for termination of an 8(a) contract is other than the transfer of ownership or control.

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Subpart 19.9 [Reserved]

Subpart 19.10—Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program

SOURCE: 54 FR 5055, Jan. 31, 1989, unless otherwise noted.

19.1001 General.

The Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program was established by the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program Act of 1988, Public Law 100–656 (15 U.S.C. 644 note). The program is implemented by a joint OFPP and SBA Policy Directive and Implementation Plan, dated May 25, 1999. The program consists of two major components—

- (a) Unrestricted competition in designated industry groups; and
- (b) Enhanced small business participation in 10 agency targeted industry categories.

[63 FR 9057, Feb. 23, 1998, as amended at 65 FR 16276, Mar. 27, 2000; 70 FR 11742, Mar. 9, 2005]

19.1002 Definitions.

Emerging small business, as used in this subpart, means a small business concern whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the numerical size standard applicable to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code assigned to a contracting opportunity.

Emerging small business reserve amount, for the designated groups described in 19.1005, means a threshold established by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy of—

- (1) \$30,000 for construction, refuse systems and related services, non-nuclear ship repair, landscaping and pest control services; and
- (2) \$50,000 for architectural and engineering services.

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19.1003 Purpose.

The purpose of the Program is to—
(a) Assess the ability of small businesses to compete successfully in certain industry categories without competition being restricted by the use of